

Commencement of Hearing procedures  
against Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. and Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc.  
(Price Fixing Case by Manufactures and Sellers of Vinyl Chloride Pipes and Joints)  
( Tentative Translation )

May 15, 2009  
Japan Fair Trade Commission

Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. and Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc. requested for hearings on the cease and desist orders and surcharge payment orders issued by the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) on February 18, 2009 to manufactures and sellers of Vinyl Chloride Pipes and Joints <sup>(Note)</sup> (2009 (Measure) No. 1 and 2009 (Payment) No. 1 or No. 2). The JFTC decided on May 13, 2009 to commence the hearing procedures in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 3, Article 52 under the Antimonopoly Act and gave a notice to that effect to Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. and Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc..

(Note) Refers to hard polyvinyl chloride pipes and hard polyvinyl chloride joints made from vinyl chloride resin and other materials (excluding those used for protecting electrical wires or communication cables installed in public utility conduits)

1. Outline of the Person Requesting for Hearings (Respondent)

Hearing Case No. Person requesting for hearings (Respondent)	Principal Office
2009 (Judgment) No. 6 and No. 8 Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd..	2-4-4 Nishitenma, Kita-ku, Osaka
2009 (Judgement) No. 7 and No. 9 Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc.	1-2-2 Nihonbashi Hongokuchou, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

2. Date and Place of the First Hearing

(1) Date and time

Monday, June 29, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

(2) Place

Hearing Court of the Japan Fair Trade Commission

(19<sup>th</sup> floor, Central Government Building No. 6-B, 1-1, Kasumigaseki 1-chome,  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)